

MASTER SERGEANT BRENDAN C. VARGAS

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Master Sergeant Brendan C. Vargas is a Broadcaster assigned to the American Forces Network Misawa as the Operations Manager, Misawa Air Base, Japan. He is 38 years old. Sergeant Vargas was born in Jacksonville, Florida, on 17 August 1975. He attended Riverview High School, graduating in June 1994. After graduating from high school, Sergeant Vargas attended the University of Florida, where he was a member of Sigma Nu Fraternity. He subsequently enlisted in the Air Force in 1997 and arrived at Lackland AFB, Texas, in April 1997 for basic training. Upon graduation, he then attended Information Management Technical Training, at Keesler Air Force Base, Mississippi arriving in June 1997. After graduation he arrived at Aviano Air Base, Italy in July 1997 where he served as a Team Leader in the Base Post Office. In July 1999 he was then posted to Misawa Air Base, Japan where he served as the Information Manager for the 35th Communications Squadron Information Systems Flight. In August 2001 Sergeant Vargas re-trained into the broadcasting career field, graduating as an honor graduate from the Basic Broadcasting Course at the Defense Information School, Fort George Meade, Maryland. He then served at Naval Media Center Keflavik, Iceland as NCOIC of Radio. In 2002 Sergeant Vargas arrived at Misawa Air Base, Japan where he served as NCOIC of News. In March 2004 Sergeant Vargas deployed to Baghdad, Iraq to support OIF as a Broadcaster assigned to the Coalition Press Information Center. In August 2004 he moved to Yokota Air Base where he served as NCOIC of Pacific Regional News. In 2006 Sergeant Vargas was accepted for a Special Duty Assignment as a Defense Attaché. He graduated from the Joint Attaché Support Training in March 2008. Vargas then served at the U.S. Embassy Maputo, Mozambique as Operations NCO where he managed the Security Assistance Program. He returned to the Broadcasting career field in June 2011 serving as Station Manager, AFN Osan, Osan AB Korea. He arrived at AFN Misawa in July 2012. Since arriving he has served as the Operations Manager and Additional Duty First Sergeant. During his time here he volunteered and deployed to Kabul, Afghanistan in April 2013 serving as Kabul Bureau Chief, Network Admin NCO and also filling in as the Network Senior Enlisted Advisor during a 30 day transition period. Sergeant Vargas is an active member of the Masonic Lodge and assisted in the Lodge's holiday dinner to feed unaccompanied service members. He actively participates as a coach and player on the base rugby team. His military awards include the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal, Defense, Air Force, and Army Commendation Medals, Defense, Air Force, and Navy Achievement Medals. He has a Bachelor's Degree in Asian Studies from the University of Maryland University College and 2 CCAF Degrees in Public Affairs and Information Management. He speaks Portuguese, Spanish, French, and Japanese in addition to English.